This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

Claim 1: (Canceled).

Claim 2 (previously presented): A system for making automatic backup copies of selected files stored in a hard drive of at least one computer and storing said copies in a storage unit connected to said computer; wherein a configurable control software is installed in the hard drive, wherein said control software includes a backup software and wherein when a user interacts with the computer and generates a command for the computer to be switched off, the control software detects the command and automatically runs the backup software for making the configurable backup copies of selected files from the computer's hard drive to the storage unit, after which the control software switches off the computer by cutting power via a disconnection device.

Claim 3 (previously presented): A system according to claim 2, wherein the disconnection device is a power relay.

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Claim 4 (currently amended): A system according to claim 2, wherein the disconnection device is built into the computer and controlled by software, ~~such as an ATX board and an operating system~~.

Claim 5 (previously presented): A system according to claim 2, wherein the backup copies are encrypted.

Claim 6 (previously presented): A system according to claim 2, wherein the control software is accessed by means of a user security code.

Claim 7 (previously presented): A system according to claim 6, wherein the user security code is required to restore the encrypted backup copies.

Claim 8 (previously presented): A method for making automatic backup copies of selected files stored in a hard drive of at least one computer and storing said files in a storage unit connected to said computer, wherein a configurable control software is installed in the hard drive, and wherein said control software includes backup software, the method comprising the following steps:

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(a) generating a command via a user for the computer to be shut off;

(b) detecting the command via the control software, and automatically running the backup software upon detection of the command;

(c) making configurable backup copies of selected files from the computer's hard drive via the backup software and storing said copies in the storage unit; and

(d) detecting when the backup copies are completed and automatically switching off the computer via a disconnection device.

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